### **Dinner Buffet Available at Canyon Inn** 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet and eat with other wildflower enthusiasts!

(9) Keynote Speaker: Indiana Wildflowers: An Obsession by Kay Yatskievych

7:30-8:30 p.m.

Meet: Sycamore Room, Canyon Inn Kay will share her interests in wildflowers and latest and upcoming projects. Copies of her book Field Guide to Indiana Wildflowers will be available for signing.

### Sunday, April 19

(10) Birds and Blooms 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Meet: Flatwoods Park

Location: On Hwy 46 between Ellettsville and Spencer, turn south on Flatwoods Road. (about a 10 minute drive from state park.) Join Sandy Belth, naturalist for the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Dept. for a leisurely park stroll to look for migrating songbirds and occasionally look down for the spring flower!

(11) WOW Hike (Wonderful Owen Wildflowers!!!)

9:30-11:00 a.m.

Meet: McCormick's Creek State Park, **Wolf Cave Parking Lot** 

If you haven't already been stunned by the amazing diversity and unique species of wildflowers in Owen County, join us for another WOW!!

#### (12) Important Pollinators: The Facts on Bees

11:30-12:30 a.m.

#### **Nature Center Auditorium**

Join local beekeeper Jess Gwinn for an interesting outlook on bees as a flower pollinator and important link between flowers and the food on our tables.

(13) Floral Fixins': Nature's Medicine Cabinet

2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Meet: Nature Center** 

Join a naturalist for a short walk to identify ten plants that can cure your ailments. Stay after to enjoy teas made by several of these local favorites and talk about ways to use the forest as our first source of medicine.

### Things to Remember:

- All programs are free; however there is a gate fee to enter McCormick's Creek State Park.
- Hikes will continue regardless of weather conditions.
- Bring drinking water.
- Please remember these simple Leave No Trace Ethics: stay on established trails and leave plants, animals and natural objects as you find them.
- Thank you for coming!

### Join us again next year:

Owen County Wildflower Weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend in April 2010

## Owen County Wildflower Weekend



Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 17-19, 2009

### Sponsored by:

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### For more information, contact:

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### Friends of McCormick's Creek Annual Native Plant Sale

A variety of woodland and prairie species for sale.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18** 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. At the Nature Center

# **Program Schedule**

### Friday, April 17

(1) Wildflower Weekend Kickoff: Maryrose and Fred Wampler present: "The Making of Trees of Indiana" 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Meet: Sycamore Room, Canyon Inn Hosted by the Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park.

Maryrose, the premier wildflower artist of Indiana, will share stories and slides of visiting McCormick's Creek State Park to gather information and pictures as the basis for Trees of Indiana. It is a pleasure to have Maryrose and Fred back again for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual OCWW!

## Saturday, April 18

### (2) Wildflowers of McCormick's Creek State Park 8:30 a.m.

**Meet: Nature Center** 

-Option 1: Join Interpretive Naturalist Marquita Manley for a 1-hour easy walk to identify common spring ephemerals! -Option 2: Join Interpretive Naturalist Amanda Simmons for a 21/2-hour moderate to rugged hike to explore the wildflowers along the canyon and creek habitats!

### (3) Botany Blitz: Advanced Wildflower Identification

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Meet: Greens Bluff Nature Preserve Carpool from Nature Center at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Take Hwy 43 South 5 miles and turn right onto Sherfield Road. After 1 mile, take a left at a "T" intersection. Take the left fork in the road and follow another 1/4 mile to the parking area at the cemetery.

Did you say, "Polypodium polypodioides"? A hike for those who love to use scientific names and focus on details of individual wildflowers.

#### (4) Preserving Indiana's Unique Landscape in your own backyard! 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Meet: Nature Center Auditorium** Tammy Behrman from Eco Logic will speak about the rewards of using native plants in your outdoor landscaping.

### **Box Lunch Meat Lover's or Vegetarian** \$6.50

Available at the Nature Center from 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Catered by the Canyon Inn. \*purchase tickets by 9 a.m. at Nature Center

### (5) Popular Photography: A photo presentation of local flora by Marc Evans

12 noon- 12:30 p.m. **Nature Center Auditorium** 

Enjoy your lunch and review the mornings' wildflower wanderings through beautiful close-up images.

### (6) Cataract Falls Site Tour

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Meet: Cataract Falls

Carpool from Nature Center at 12:30 p.m. Location: Take Hwv 231 north for 12 miles. Turn left onto 1050 N. Within less than a mile you will

cross the bridge over Mill Creek. The park will be on the right.

Visit the largest waterfall by volume in the state of Indiana! Look for species that thrive in this wet habitat.

### (7) The Bells are Ringing: Hike to see Virginia Bluebells! 1:30-3:00 p.m.

### Meet: McCormick's Creek State Park, **Canyon Inn front steps**

Take a hike to the historic Statehouse Quarry where Virginia Bluebells are common. One visitor said, "It looks like a sea of blue!"

#### (8) Indiana Demonstration Forest Tour

4:00-5:30 p.m.

### **Meet: Owen County Soil and Water Conservation District Farm**

Location: Take 67 South and turn right on Hancock School Road. (About a 15 minute drive from State Park)

Did you enjoy the presentation last night on Trees of Indiana? Gain helpful tree identification tools and take a walking tour through Owen County's own demonstration forest with District Forester Ralph Unversaw.